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ROBERT CALDER, Esq; First Captain to Admiral Sir John Jervis, K. B. arrived this Morning with Dispatches from him to Mr. Nepean, of which the following are Copies.

Victory, in Lagos Bay, February 16, 1797.

SIR,

THE Hopes of falling in with the Spanish Fleet, expressed in my Letter to you of the 13th Instant, were confirmed that Night, by our distinctly hearing the Report of their Signal Guns, and by Intelligence received from Captain Foote, of His Majesty's Ship the Niger, who had, with equal Judgment and Perseverance, kept Company with them for several Days, on my prescribed Rendezvous, (which, from the strong South-East Winds, I had never been able to reach) and that they were not more than the Distance of Three or Four Leagues from us. I anxiously awaited the Dawn of Day, when, being on the Starboard Tack, Cape St. Vincent bearing East by North Eight Leagues, I had the Satisfaction of seeing a Number of Ships extending from South-West to South, the Wind then at West and by South. At Forty-nine Minutes past Ten, the Weather being extremely hazy, La Bonne Citoyenne made the Signal that the Ships seen were of the Line, Twenty-five in Number. His Majesty's Squadron under my Command, consisting of the Fifteen Ships of the Line named in the Margin, * happily formed in the most compact Order of Sailing, in Two Lines. By carrying a Press of Sail I was fortunate in getting in with the Enemy's Fleet at Half past Eleven o'Clock, before it had Time to connect, and form a regular Order of Battle. Such a Moment was not to be lost; and, confident in the Skill, Valour and Discipline of the Officers and Men I had the Happiness to command, and judging that the Honor of His Majesty's Arms and the Circumstances of the War in these Seas required a considerable Degree of Enterprize, I felt myself justified in departing from the regular System; and passing through their Fleet, in a Line formed with the utmost Celerity, tacked, and thereby separated One-third from the main Body, after a partial Connonade, which prevented their Rejunction till the Evening; and by the very great Exertions of the Ships which had the good Fortune to arrive up with the Enemy on the Larboard Tack, the Ships named in the Margin * were captured, and the Action ceased about Five o'Clock in the Evening.

Victory,
Britannia,
Barfleur,
Prince George,
Blenheim,
Namur,
Captain,
Goliath,
Excellent,
Orion,
Colossus,
Egmont,
Culloden,
Irresistible,
Diadem,

	Guns.
* *Salvador del Mundo*,	112
San Josef,	112
San Nicolas,	80
San Ysidro,	74

I enclose the most correct List I have been able to obtain of the Spanish Fleet opposed to me, amounting to Twenty-seven Sail

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of the Line, and an Account of the Killed and Wounded in His Majeſty's Ships, as well as in thoſe taken from the Enemy. The Moment the latter (almoſt totally diſmaſted) and His Majeſty's Ships the Captain and Culloden are in a State to put to Sea I ſhall avail myſelf of the firſt favourable Wind to proceed off Cape St. Vincent in my Way to Liſbon.

Captain Calder, whoſe able Aſſiſtance has greatly contributed to the Publick Service during my Command, is the Bearer of this, and will more particularly deſcribe to the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty the Movements of the Squadron on the 14th, and the preſent State of it.

I am, Sir, &c. J. JERVIS.

Liſt of the Spaniſh Fleet oppoſed to the Britiſh, the 14th of February, 1797.

	Guns.
Santiſſima Trinidad —	130
Mexicana — —	112
Principe de Aſturias —	112
Concepcion — —	112
Conde de Regla — —	112
Salvador del Mundo —	112 taken,
San Joſef — —	112 taken.
San Nicolas — —	84 taken.
Oriente — —	74
Glorioſo — —	74
Atlante — —	74
Conqueſtador — —	74
Soberano — —	74
Firme — —	74
Pelayo — —	74
San Genaro — —	74
San Ildephonſo —	74
San Juan Nepomuceno —	74
San Franciſco de Paula —	74
San Iſidro — —	74 taken.
San Antonio — —	74
San Pablo — —	74
San Firmin — —	74
Neptuna — —	74
Bahama — —	74
Name unknown —	74
Name unknown —	74

J. JERVIS.

LIST of Killed and Wounded in the Squadron under the Command of Admiral Sir John Jervis in the Action with the Spaniſh Fleet the 14th of February, 1797.

SHIPS NAMES.	COMMANDERS.	KILLED. Officers.	KILLED. Seamen.	KILLED. Marines.	KILLED. Soldiers.	WOUNDED. Officers.	WOUNDED. Seamen.	WOUNDED. Marines.	WOUNDED. Soldiers.	Total Killed and Wounded
Victory,	Admiral Sir John Jervis, K. B. First Captain Robert Calder, Second Captain George Grey,	—	1	—	—	—	2	3	—	6
Britannia,	Vice-Admiral Thompſon, Captain Thomas Foley,	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Barfleur,	Vice-Adm. Hon. W. Waldegrave, Captain James Richard Dacres,	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	7
Prince George,	Rear-Admiral Parker, Captain John Irwin,	—	7	1	—	—	7	—	—	15
Blenheim,	Captain Thomas Lenox Frederick,	—	10	—	2	2	40	—	7	61
Namur,	Captain James H. Whitſhed,	—	2	—	—	—	5	—	—	7
Captain,	Commodore Nelſon, Captain R. W. Miller,	1	20	—	3	2	50	—	4	80
Goliath,	Captain Sir C. H. Knowles,	—	—	—	—	—	4	4	—	8
Excellent,	Captain C. Collingwood,	1	8	2	—	—	10	2	—	23
Orion,	Captain Sir James Saumarez,	—	—	—	—	—	7	2	—	9
Coloſſus,	Captain George Murray,	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	—	5
Egmont,	Captain John Sutton,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Culloden,	Captain Thomas Troubridge,	1	7	2	—	—	39	8	—	57
Irreſiſtible,	Captain George Martin,	—	4	1	—	1	12	1	—	19
Diadem,	Captain G. H. Fowry,	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	2
		3	59	6	5	5	189	21	12	300

OFFICERS killed and wounded.

Bienheim, Mr. Edward Libby, acting Lieutenant, wounded.
Mr. Peacock, Boatſwain, wounded.
Mr. Joſeph Wixon, Maſter's Mate, wounded. Since dead.
Captain. Major William Norris, Marines, killed.
Mr. James Godench, Midſhipman, killed.
Commodore Nelſon, bruiſed, but not obliged to quit the Deck.
Mr. Carrington, Boatſwain, wounded in boarding the San Nicolas.
Mr. Thomas Lund, Midſhipman, wounded.
Excellent. Mr. Peter Peffers, Boatſwain, killed.
Mr. Edward Auguſtus Down, Maſters' Mate, wounded.
Orion. Mr. Thomas Manſel, Midſhipman, wounded.
Culloden. Mr. G. A. Livingſtone, Lieutenant of Marines, killed.
Irereſiſtible. Serjeant Watſon, Marines, killed.
Mr. Andrew Thompſon, Lieutenant, wounded.
Mr. Hugh M'Kinnon, Maſter's Mate, wounded.
Mr. William Balfour, Midſhipman, wounded.

J. JERVIS.

LIST of the Killed and Wounded on Board the Spaniſh Ships, taken by the Squadron under the Command of Admiral Sir John Jervis, K. B. on the 14th of February, 1797.

Ships Names.		Killed.	Wounded.
San Yſidro	Officers - - - - -	4	8
	Artilleriſts, Seamen, and Soldiers -	25	55
		29	63
Salvador del Mundo	Officers - - - - -	5	3
	Artilleriſts, Seamen, and Soldiers -	37	121
		42	124
San Nicolas	Officers - - - - -	4	8
	Artilleriſts, Seamen, and Soldiers -	140	51
		144	59
San Joſé	Officers - - - - -	2	5
	Artilleriſts, Seamen, and Soldiers -	44	91
		46	96

Killed - - -	261
Wounded - - -	342
Total - - -	603

Note,——Among the Killed is the General Don Franciſco Xavier Winthuyſen, *Chef D'Eſcadre.*

Victory in Lagos Bay, February 16, 1797.

SIR,

I Encloſe a Letter received from Captain Marſh, of His Majeſty's Sloop the King's Fiſher, whoſe Services off Oporto merit my higheſt Approbation.

I am, SIR,

Your moſt obedient humble Servant,

J. JERVIS.

Evan Nepean, Eſq;

King's Fiſher, off Oporto, January 28, 1797.

SIR,

I Beg Leave to acquaint you that on the 23d Inſtant I fell in with Two Spaniſh Privateers; One of which, a Lugger, mounting One Carriage Gun, and manned with Thirty-eight Men, I captured, and drove the other on Shore between Villa Conde and Vianna; the latter was a Schooner, and, I underſtand from the Priſoners, mounted Twelve Carriage Guns, and was manned with between Sixty and Seventy Men: Thoſe Veſſels had, for ſome Time paſt, infeſted this Coaſt, and had captured ſeveral Engliſh Merchant Veſſels.

I have the Honor to be,

SIR,

Your moſt obedient hnmble Servant,

EDW. MARSH.

Sir John Jervis, K. B. Admiral of the Blue, and Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.

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